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REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 1, 13 and 14, and kept claims 3, 5-6, and 17-20 unchanged. Support of the amendment could be found in the original specification and drawings, e.g., paragraph [0025]. No new matter is entered.

Amendments to Specification

The amendment filed 08/06/2007 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure.

Applicant has amended Paragraph [0025] of the specification by replacing the term "composed" with "decomposed", which is used in the original specification. No new matter is entered. Applicant submits that the objection is now overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawn of the objection are requested.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1, 3, 5-6, 13-14, and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In detail, a limitation recited in each of claims 1, 13 and 14, as previously presented, would subject to a new matter and is not supported by the original disclosure.

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Responsive to the rejection, Applicant has amended claims 1, 13 and 14 by replacing the term "composed" with "decomposed", which is supported by the original specification. It should be noted that, an accepted definition of the term "decompose", as it applies to the claims and specification, is to **"separate into components or basic elements"** (**The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language: Fourth Edition. 2000.**). That is, the phrase "light decomposed of two polarization components orthogonal to each other", as set forth in amended claims 1, 13, and 14, as currently amended, means that **the light is separable and thereby able to be expressed as two polarization components** and that the two polarization components are orthogonal to each other.

Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 1, 13 and 14, as currently amended, are now in allowable form. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection and allowance of such claims are respectfully requested.

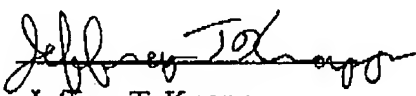
Claims 3, 5-6, and 17-20, which have been kept unchanged, each directly or indirectly depend from one of allowable, independent claims 1 and 13, and, therefore, should also be allowable.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the present application as claimed in the pending claims is considered to be in a condition for allowance, and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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